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(C) We delivered reftel points to MFA's Ambassador Kamen Velichkov, Head of UN and Global Issues Department, on September 7. Velichkov took our points but indicated that Bulgaria will attend the NAM Summit at the Deputy Minister level. According to Velichkov, the decision to send a delegation was based on Bulgaria's drive to be elected to ECOSOC at the UNGA in September. Velichkov readily acknowledged Cuba's dismal human rights record, but said Bulgaria hopes to gain support in Havana for its uphill efforts to edge out Belarus for the ECOSOC seat.
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